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Chapman, V.D.

LEAVE.  
Gr. Holland is granted 12 months leave  
of absence with effect from 25th instant.

PASSES.  
Parades for to-morrow:—  
5.30 p.m. Drill at Head-  
quarters under Co. Sgt. Maj. Widdell.  
5.30 p.m. Recruits of Right Section  
M.G. Co. Squad drill at Headquarters.  
5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery gun drill at  
Gun Club Hill. Sgt. Standley will  
attend. H.K. Members fall in 5 p.m.  
Star Ferry Wharf, H.K.

DETAIL.  
On duty to-night: H.K.V.R.  
On duty to-morrow night 26th inst.  
Scouts Company.  
Next for duty: Centre Section M.  
G. Co.  
Orderly Officer 26th inst. to 1st June:  
Lieut. Murphy.

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

LEAVE EXCEEDING ONE MONTH.  
Application for leave exceeding a  
period of one month in duration must be  
made in writing and must state:—

(a) The purpose for which leave is  
required.  
(b) Whether the Consent of the  
applicant's employer has been obtained.  
EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY BOARD.  
This Board will in future sit at 5.15  
sharp.  
Sections and Units will attend as  
follows:  
Friday, May 26th.—No. 9 Section.  
Monday, May 29th.—Band and Orche-  
stra.  
Tuesday, May 30th.—No. 7 Section.  
Wednesday, May 31st.—No. 10 Section.  
Thursday, June 1st.—Ambulance Com-  
pany.  
Men will attend between the hours of  
6.15 and 6.30 p.m.

ROUTE MARCH.  
All ranks and units will parade at the  
Queen's Statue, Chester Road, on Friday,  
June 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Helmets  
will be worn.

F. C. JAMES,  
D.S.P. (Reserve).



### NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or  
INDIAN desiring to leave the  
Colony should apply in writing for per-  
mission to do so to the Captain Super-  
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours  
before the intended hour of departure,  
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height  
and occupation of the applicant, and  
stating the name of the steamer or other  
vessel or the hours of the train by which  
the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants  
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10 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 5 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

FRIDAY, 26th MAY.

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### EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 29th MAY.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN"

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N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 1st of June, 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st April, 1916.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 27th May to THURSDAY, the 1st June, 1916, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
PHILIP R. WOLFE,  
Assistant Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 24, 1916.

## RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916.

For Sale, 2,000,000,000.  
The Public is hereby informed that the subscription list to the above LOAN will be CLOSED on 26th May, 1916 and no more heretofore advertised.

The terms are as follows:  
The price of issue is 95%.  
The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxation.  
The Loan is redeemable at par on 1st February, 1926 Russian style, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.  
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G. TINDALL,  
Manager.  
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—Life Funds— 3,837,047  
—Life & Annuity Funds— 17,567,580  
Sinking Fund Account— 128,230

£23,970,367  
Revenue Fire Branch— 22,381,466  
Life and Annuity— 2,141,583  
Branches and Agencies— 3,837,047  
Revenue Marine Department— 337,329  
Other Receipts— 478,940

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

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The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Government Clerks.  
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There is a little paper published in Belgium, in French, entitled "Free Belgium," which defies all the efforts of the German military and other authorities to suppress it. The paper comes out at old times and is circulated in the most audacious and at the same time thoroughly successful fashion.

How it is printed and distributed is an absolute mystery, and in spite of their strenuous efforts, by secret agents, espionage and other means, the Germans have been unable to find out where the paper comes from and how it is distributed.

The German Government of Belgium finds a copy of the paper on his desk. It is sent to all the prominent gentlemen, both German and Belgian; sometimes it comes through the post, sometimes it is dropped into letter boxes, at midnight, pushed under doors, and yet no one has been found with a copy.

The Germans have also been exercising the greatest vigilance in preventing the paper leaving the country, and very few copies have ever got outside. A correspondent who was recently in Belgium has secured a copy of No. 37. It is a most marvellous production. On the title page appear the following lines:—

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The following story is given under the title of "Cautious Intuition":—

A Prussian officer, one of the innumerable host whom we harboured for many years and who took advantage of it to spy at their leisure, was passing through Brussels a few days ago. Here are the terms in which he described the sentiments which certain

Belgian towns profess towards the "Boches."

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"At Namur they fear us."

"This old soldier has a very good understanding of the psychology of crowds."

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Replying to a question, the chairman, Mr. Lytton-Gill, said that there were 78,000 shares held in Germany, 8,000 in Austria-Hungary, and 4,000 in Turkey but none in Belgium. He could dispose of any anxiety that the company was in any way likely to be under the control of foreign influences. Hostile influences in Rhodesia might safely be left to the Rhodesians to deal with.

Mr. Otto Beit was regarded by the directors as the most thorough Englishman on their board. Like his brother before him, "Every one of us, he added, will go absolutely bail for Mr. Beit's intense patriotism."

Mr. Birenough, who seconded the adoption of the report, referred to the proposed amalgamation of the two Rhodesias, and said the proposals were being received with favour in Rhodesia, and the company, of course, would not ask the Imperial Government to sanction a concrete scheme until they were assured of the full approval of the country. The reason why the change was put forward in a time of war was owing to the fact that after the war great territorial changes would take place in Africa, and it was desirable Rhodesia should speak with as powerful and as concentrated a voice as possible in the councils which would be called.

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Hongkong September 4, 1913.

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DAUGHTER OF THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY DIVORCED.

Commander Reginald Edward Gore, R.N., was granted a decree of divorce a mensa et thoro (equivalent to an English judicial separation) in the Dublin High Court on the ground of the relations of his wife, Lady Viola Gore, with Mr. Walker Arnold Condit, a civil engineer. Agreed damages of £10,000 were also awarded the husband against Mr. Condit by Mr. Justice Dodd.

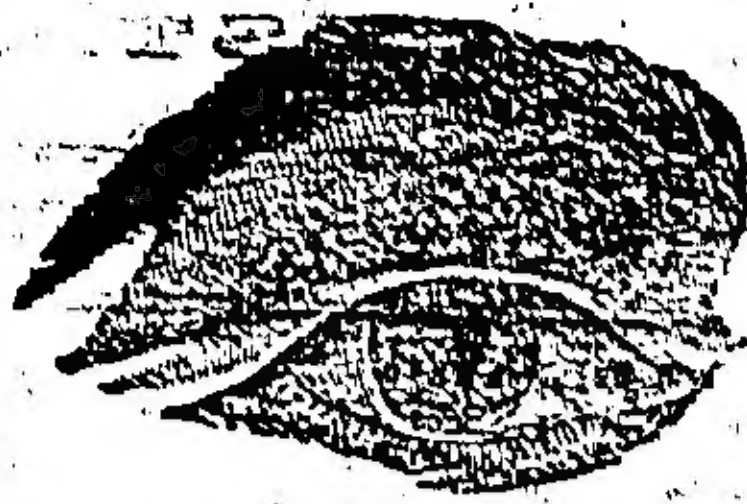
Commander Gore, a Catholic, was married at Brompton Oratory in 1907 to Lady Yellie, Viola, Countess Florence Chetwynd-Talbot, daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who is a member of the Church of England. It was shown that the latter and Mr. Condit had been living together at Swatling, Hants, since March 1915. In the action for damages accompanying the divorce petition Commander Gore claimed £10,000 damages, and Mr. Justice Dodd said that if it had been left to him to decide the damages he would have awarded this amount. The wife's conduct, he said, was the best punishment that could be inflicted on such a scoundrel.

Commander Gore stated that at his club in London he was handed letters showing that his wife and Condit were on too intimate terms. He was reluctant to take proceedings, but, as he ascertained that his wife and Condit had been living as man and wife, he was forced to take action.

He mentioned that he was a lieutenant on the "Hogue" when that ship was torpedoed and was two hours in the water before being rescued. He lost one of the letters referred to in the wreck.

Judgment was entered for £10,000, the agreed sum, and costs against Mr. Condit.

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## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Queen Mary's Birthday (1867).  
 11 a.m.—Auction of Office Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 27—  
 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios etc. Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
 3.45 p.m.—Second Gymkhana Meeting of the season.

SUNDAY, May 28—  
 9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taishan".

MONDAY, May 29—  
 11 a.m.—Auction of Ship's Gear ex "Chiyo Maru" at T.K.K. and Scott and Co's Godowns, Kennedy Town.  
 8.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Peak Club.

TUESDAY, May 30—  
 Decoration Day in U.S.A.  
 Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Portable Motor at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
 3 p.m.—Auction of Carpets and Rugs at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, May 31—  
 11 a.m.—Auction of Ship's Furniture ex S.S. "Chiyo Maru" at T.K.K. and Scott and Co's Godowns, Kennedy Town.  
 The English New Derby run at Newmarket.

THURSDAY, June 1—  
 Ascension Day.

11 a.m.—Auction of S.S. "Jubilee" at A.S.C. Chamber.

Noon—Star Ferry Co's Meeting.

SATURDAY, June 3—  
 King George's Birthday (1862).  
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MONDAY, June 5—  
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MONDAY, June 12—  
 Whit Monday.  
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## CURRENT TOPICS.

## The War.

The latest news of the Battle of Verdun shows that the confidence of the French in their ability to hold the position against the most formidable attacks the enemy can bring to bear against it was well founded. The third great effort the Germans have made to take it has been attended with no greater success than attended their two previous efforts. Indeed, the news points to the third offensive proving an even greater failure than the others. Verdun has been the scene of the most dreadful carnage that the war has yet produced; but we notice that a Russian military critic has been warning his readers to expect on the Dvina position a struggle "which will make Verdun appear insignificant." He says both sides have been sparing their forces with a view to the necessity for an enormous expenditure of strength in this region in the near future; but in Russia, he says, the outcome of this approaching "Titanic struggle" is awaited on all hands with calm confidence. It has long been apparent that Germany has contemplated a great offensive against the Dvina position. Germany, after the failure of her latest effort, may despair of success at Verdun, but it seems certain that before the end of the war is reached there will be other struggles, both on the western and the eastern fronts, as fierce and as sanguinary as the battle of Verdun has been. It will not, however, now need many such failures, we imagine, to bring Germany to recognize the inevitable result of the war.

## The Irish Problem.

Mr. ASQUITH to-day is to make a statement in the House of Commons with regard to the future government of Ireland, and it is to be hoped that the proposals he makes will be of such character as to meet with general acceptance. At a time when the Empire is in the throes of the greatest crisis in its history nothing could be more deplorable and disconcerting than a renewal of the old acute quarrels between the political parties over the vexed problem of the government of Ireland. The recent revolt has shown the need for immediate action of some kind and there are only two courses open—iron rule, which entails the employment of large bodies of troops who are needed elsewhere, or an amicable arrangement aiming at the removal of the grievances, real or imaginary, which inspire disaffection and unrest. It is satisfactory to learn that the "atmosphere" in political circles is in favour of a settlement by mutual consent. Mr. ASQUITH's visit to Ireland and his conferences on the spot with men of diverse political views have apparently paved the way for a compromise, and if the proposals he makes in Parliament to-day find general acceptance, he will have added to the great claims he already undoubtedly has to the gratitude of the nation.

## The Police Reserves.

This entertainment at the Theatre Royal organised by the Hongkong Police Reserves was not the least noteworthy feature of the local celebration of Empire Day. Thoroughness has been the watchword of the Police Reserve from the inception of the corps, and nobody who has followed the gratifying development of this important protective and defensive force—from a couple of platoons to a double company augmented by ambulance, motor-cyclists and mounted sections—will venture to deny that the movement has been a huge success and that the Reserve is a valuable acquisition to the Colony's forces of trained men. The man at the wheel, who is so largely responsible for the unqualified success of the Reserve, is Mr. F. C. JENKIN, who has shown remarkable organising ability. Under his able guidance, the Reserve has made wonderful progress; his very personality has won success for the movement. It is not too much to say that the officers and men have rallied round him in a manner that is not reflected in any other organisation in the Colony. The reason is not far to seek, for Mr. JENKIN takes an interest in every individual member of the corps and a "constable" knows he will receive as much attention from the Deputy Superintendent of the Reserve, no matter of what section, as would any officer. This policy is the secret of the Corps' success and the reason why the ranks of the Reserves are always steadily on the increase.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chinese applications in Malaya for the F.M.S. 6 per cent War Loan bonds amounted to \$4,185,500 in amounts exceeding \$10,000.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail steamer, *Kilwa*, with the Hongkong Mail of the 7th April last, arrived in London on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

To-morrow is the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary. The Queen was born in 1867 and was married to King George on July 8th, 1893.

We are informed that arrangements have been made with the Humphrey Bishop Co. to give an entertainment in the theatre of the Peak Club on Monday next.

A Hankow telegram to the N.C. Daily News states that on the 18th inst there was a bomb explosion in a house in the Japanese Concession, where bombs were being manufactured. One man was killed and one, the ex-Tinsh of Tating, wounded.

The Queen's College Amateur Dramatic Association are giving an entertainment to-night, to-morrow, and Saturday at 7.30 p.m. in aid of the war charities. H.E. the Governor hopes to be able to be present to-morrow evening.

The trial of four Chinese of the Chi On Wing firm, flour merchants, 35, Des Vaux Road West, on a charge of stealing 130 bags of flour from the godown at Kowloon was continued to-day before the Puisne Judge, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz. Mr. Oni appeared for the Crown and defendants were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Farebrother, Messrs. D'Almeida and Mason. Mr. Jenkin called all the defendants who gave evidence and the case was ultimately adjourned.

Kowloon is to have an open air cinema. The Governor-in-Council has decided to extend its permission and the "movies" will shortly be seen every night under ideal conditions on that piece of bare land between Hart Avenue and Chatham Road. Some weeks ago a house-to-house canvass was made with the object of ascertaining the views of residents and subsequently a libellous signed petition was presented to the Colonial Secretary for approval. The delay in deciding the petition may be attributed not so much to the slow wheels of Government as to the multitudinous other duties devolving on the same office in these days. The venture is being run by Messrs. Spalding and Daniels, and an effort will also be made to get two band nights a week.

## QUESTION OF LIGHTS.

## DECISION IN RIVER COLLISION CASE.

## OBVIOUS DISCREPANCIES.

On the question of whether the oil lighter "Ruth" of the Standard Oil Company had lights hoisted at the time when the river steamer "Shiu On" collided with her on January 16th, the Chief Justice Sir Wm. Rees Davies K.C., gave his considered decision this morning. The question was one of "mixed law and fact" and his Lordship found in favour of the plaintiff, the Shiu Hing Steamship Co. The claim is for \$100,000 damages. His Lordship in his judgment stated—  
 "Two questions arise for the decision of the Court, (1) was the lighter lying in the fairway? (2) was the lighter as required by the regulations?"

As to the first question of the fairway there was a great deal of evidence taken and it was agreed at a late stage in the case that the point should abide the decision of the Court on the question of lights; the defendants contending in the alternative that the Ruth not being "in or near a fairway" at the time of the collision was under no obligation to hoist lights. This is a question partly of law and partly of fact and whilst reserving this point for further argument if desired I may, however, observe that whilst the Court fully accepts the defendants' evidence that the Shiu On had been conveyed over the water in question by one or more British torpedo-boats, and considers the plaintiffs' evidence on that point halting and unsatisfactory, and further believes that on these occasions the course may have differed somewhat from the course adopted on the night in question, the Assessor after fully considering the evidence of the expert witnesses as a whole, advises me that in his opinion, the Shiu On was justified in taking the course which brought her into collision with the Ruth. He says in reply to my questions—

"I have come to the conclusion that the 'Ruth' was lying on the edge of the 'southern bank' situated S 63 degrees W and about seven cables from the Swallow Light and in about eight feet of water at low tide. High water on January 15th worked out for Wong Mun, using Treg and also a standard point as standard point gives the time as midnight practically spring-tide. So that at 2.15 a.m. on January 16th over the position of the 'Ruth' there would be some twelve feet eight inches of water. So I am strongly of opinion that had the 'Ruth' not been there the Shiu On although set down by the wind and tide from the usual track would have had sufficient water to take her over the bank and into the southern channel."

As to the evidence of lights the defendants' case is that the Ruth was fully equipped with lights as required by the Hongkong regulations. It is not contested that she was possessed of these lights on the night in question; that she invariably hoists her own lights when the Comet is standing by—it is a common practice of the crew to do so; and that there was no reason why they should depart from the usual practice on that night; that, in fact, the crew of the Comet saw her lights when they left her about 2 a.m. Further, that there were after the collision two red lights and one white light which the Ruth crew swear to have been hoisted and alight at the time of the collision.

His Lordship went on to review the evidence of the defendants on the question of lights and also the testimony of the plaintiffs' witnesses and of independent witnesses. His Lordship said, with reference to the latter, that if the evidence of the Chief Officer of the On Lee and that of the pilot of the Shun Lee was to be believed, the presumption was strong that there was no light visible on the Ruth when the On Lee passed her about 10 p.m. or when the Shun Lee passed after 1 a.m. His Lordship said he thought the comment of the defendants' Counsel was fair that they were independent witnesses in the sense of not being in the employment of either side.

His Lordship then proceeded to examine at length the evidence of the collision, and said he regarded as of great importance the evidence of Mr. Gillies, Chief Officer of the Shiu On. He was the officer on the bridge at the time of the collision and if he was telling the truth it disposed of the story of the two men alleged to have been on the Ruthin so far as lights and their presence on board was concerned. The evidence given by the Captain of the Shiu On, the quartermaster and the No. 2 pilot as to the collision was clear and emphatic and taking into consideration the fact that the Shiu On was on the most critical part of her voyage with both her watch keepers, the chief officer and pilot freshly come on watch, it is difficult to conceive how if the Ruth's lights had been burning, these officers could have missed seeing them and in sufficient time to avoid collision. As to the probable story put forward by the Ruth's witnesses it became desirable to test the evidence of the latter to ascertain how far it was reliable and whether there were material discrepancies in the evidence of the two men alleged to be on board which would justify the Court in holding that the story at once improbable was in fact incredible. His Lordship proceeded to examine this evidence and remarked that experience in these courts showed that Chinese witnesses had rarely much idea of distance but he could not agree with the contention of Counsel that little or any importance attached to these particulars in the Preliminary Act. Its object was to obtain from parties statements of the facts at a time when they were fresh in their recollection and before

either party shaped his case and in this case discrepancies in particulars required, having regard to the story on which the defendants relied, were most material. The discrepancies were obvious.

It was idle to contend that the discrepancies which had been discovered were not material when he was attesting the truth of the story. The position of the sloop, the bark, and the life buoys mentioned by defendant's witnesses constitute the *versus de residence* of the case. In face of the facts he was of the opinion that the story of the two men in a boat was absolutely incredible. He desired to add that the finding as to lights did not imply any reflection on the witnesses who spoke as to the equipment of the Ruth's lights. It is possible and in fact probable that her lights were hoisted as stated in evidence at an earlier period of the night but owing to the force of wind, the heavy sea and spray, they would not burn. There is, however, no doubt whatever in the opinion of the Court that they were not alight at the time of the collision.

In so far as the question of lights was concerned his decision was in favour of the plaintiffs.  
 Mr. C. G. Alabaster, for plaintiffs, asked if his Lordship could give any indication as to when the second argument might be held.  
 The Chief Justice asked Mr. Alabaster to make application in Chambers.

## EMPIRE DAY CONCERT.

## CROWDED HOUSE AT THEATRE ROYAL.

## SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Theatre Royal was packed to the doors last night when the Hongkong Police Reserves entertained the local Naval and Military forces, and the cheering and applause from the hundreds of voices in the hall dispelled any notion that may have been entertained that Hongkong has gone to sleep in the grip of "mako." It is quite safe to say that a more enthusiastic gathering never met before inside the Theatre. The Chairman of the Organising Committee was Chief Inspector D'Almeida (Reserve). The arrangements were excellent as well as the decorations, the circle balcony and orchestra being gaily set off with "Jack's" and red, white, and blue bunting. The decorative scheme of the stage was a feature in itself. Pretty Japanese lanterns were suspended from the "let down" area and choice pot plants adorned the wings and rear.

The first part of the programme was confined to music both instrumental and vocal. Mrs. Villiers Smith, who is always well received, gave two charming light songs for which she was vociferously thanked. Miss Camilla Castro sang in a pleasing soprano voice. Messrs. F. B. Cawsey and A. J. England gave a splendid interpretation of "Exquisite" and Trooper H. E. Relf gave a humorous song and an illuminated Indian Club swinging "solo." Miss Esther Xavier gave as a piano forte solo "Rhapsodie No. 12" so successfully that she was re-called. The band of the Hongkong Police Reserve contributed to the programme two selections which were most creditably played.

The second half of the programme was devoted to fisticuffs, a ju-jitsu, a fencing exhibition and two wrestling contests.

R. C. Ismail ("Jackson") H.K.P.R. won on points from Lo-Corpi Jones of the K.S.L.L. after receiving much hard punching in the opening rounds. The atmosphere was against a good exhibition and by the end of the fourth and final round Jones was completely exhausted. Ismail lasted much better.

Young Maher H.K.P.R., the amateur feather weight champion, battled into A. H. Ussif ("Johnson") H.K.P.R. and won on points. He had a difficult task in view of the long reach of Johnson but he repeatedly drove him on to the ropes, broke down his opponents' defence, landed on the head and face and then cleverly covered up. Maher won by a good margin.

The ju-jitsu and fencing exhibitions by men from a Japanese warship, were greatly enjoyed.  
 Chanam Din (H.K.P.) beat Shah Alum (7th Punjab) in about three minutes in a catch-as-catch-can and Khair Deen 18th Infantry was much too good a match for Delawar Khan (18 Infantry).

## SOLDIERS' ENTERTAINED.

Earlier in the evening eleven men who had returned from the front were entertained to dinner at the King Edward Hotel by an anonymous Euro-pean member of the Hongkong Police Reserve. Staff Inspector Wildin presided. After the loyal toast the Chairman proposed: "Our Guests," and in the course of well-chosen words expressed, on behalf of the Deputy Superintendent, inspectors, sergeants, and P.C.'s of the H.K.P.R., their sincere admiration of the work done at the Front by the men who they were entertaining that evening.

On behalf of the guests, Master Gunner Hartley responded expressing hearty appreciation at the kindness extended to them and for the enjoyable time they had had.

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## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

## THE SOUTHERN OPPOSITION TO COMPROMISE.

Under the heading "The Last Word of the South," the *Peking Gazette* publishes the following translation of a telegram sent under the joint signatures of Tsen Chun-huan, Commander-in-Chief of the National Protection Army of Liang-Kuang, and Liang Chi-chao, Chief of the Administrative Bureau of the Military Government of the four provinces—

"Situated as the country is, there is no other method which will cause fighting to cease save the retirement of Hsiang-cheng [Yuan Shih-kai]. This is the unanimous view of the country. Yet some are still advancing the suggestion of a patched-up settlement on the ground that, as the monarchy has been cancelled, Hsiang-cheng may be re-recognised as President. Tsai Sung-po's [Tsai Ao] reply is most effective. He suggests the case is like that of a woman who has trampled on her womanly virtue by divorcing her husband and then asks to be permitted to retire to the home and become the lawful mistress of the house again. This is at once offensive to law and decency. There is therefore to need to argue that this suggestion is unreasonable and impracticable.

## A FALSE VIEW.

"Some may even suggest that nobody but Yuan can control the Northern troops, the number of which is large. Apparently this argument is plausible, but upon careful consideration it is only superficially true. The question whether Hsiang-cheng is really able to control the Northern troops is already a doubtful one. But let us suppose that he is really able to do so. Then we must remember that Hsiang-cheng is already 53 years of age, and how long he will yet live, no one knows. A mortal's life is limited, and we may do well to ask ourselves who will succeed Hsiang-cheng in the control of the Northern troops when he dies. In the humble opinion of Chun-huan and Chiao-hao, the Northern generals, if they really care for the permanent welfare of the country, should take immediate steps to co-operate with one another and so bring about an effective control of their soldiery. If they will but do this, the retention or departure of Hsiang-cheng will not affect the peace and order of the North. If this be impossible and we are therefore compelled to rely on Hsiang-cheng alone, then we must not forget that Hsiang-cheng is a mortal and will die some day, be it one, two, five or ten years from to-day. On this view, some day the Northern troops will be out of control. If his retirement will cause trouble among the troops then what about his death? The attempt to secure a temporary peace on a basis of mere compromise is therefore to lay a dangerous mine for future explosion. The longer the doctor delays lancing a boil, the worse the suffering of the patient. Can we consider such general patriotic when they are thus satisfied?

## REAL AND FALSE PATRIOTISM.

"Among the Northern generals are the pick of China's martial heroes. Outside of Peking there are men like Feng Kuo-chang and Chang Han, and inside the Capital are Tuan Chi-jui and Wang Shih-chien. These are men admired by the whole country and looked up to as men of the hour. Not only are they famous for their military achievements but are also admired for their matchless excellence. What could they not do, if they would work in co-operation. If they would devise a method by which to settle the present question at a time of extraordinary difficulty, they would repay Hsiang-cheng for his former kindness to them by helping him to un-shoulder his burdens, and show their patriotism by giving genuine and permanent peace to the country. Is this not what a real patriot should do?

## THE SOUTH DETERMINED.

"If on the other hand they should wish to retain Hsiang-cheng against the wish of the people, while we are not ready to say whether the North will be able to hold together, we are certain that it will be impossible to compel the South to yield on this point. Hsiang-cheng may act like a lean cow which is quite able to suffocate a pig by lying on top of it; the South, however, will not tolerate the swallowing of a cow by a strong tiger. Even if we grant that no other province but the five which have already declared independence will in future sever their connexion with Peking—which is of course most improbable—we wish to point out that it will be impossible for Hsiang-cheng to shoot down all the troops of the five provinces or massacre all the people of these five provinces. On the other hand the people of the five provinces are determined to fight to the last drop of blood. To expect them to change their mind would be like hoping to see the seas dry up. The fate of the country is therefore in the hands of those who will not sincerely seek for a permanent settlement.

## THE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

Those who advocate a compromise often base their arguments on foreign intervention. In the humble opinion of your servants if the advocates are really aware of the danger of foreign intervention they should realise all the more the urgency of the immediate retirement of Hsiang-cheng. It does not take an extraordinarily wise man to see that foreigners cannot remain indefinitely quiet while we continue to disagree internally. But, we, righteous and moral, and humanity are concerned no government in the world will deliberately embitter the feelings of four millions of people for the purpose of protecting one single individual. It is not difficult to fore-

cast what the conditions of intervention will be if intervention should actually become a fact.

## AN "IRON VERDICT."

"Since Hsiang-cheng has been morally defeated in the eyes of Chinese as well as foreigners, the iron verdict has been passed on him demanding his retirement. If he is still wise enough to retire before it is too late, he will—besides protecting his own life and reputation—save the people from further suffering and save the nation from further humiliation. If he should continue to rely on his military power and cling to his presidential chair until he is forced to go, then... but let us refrain from making threats. What will these Generals, who love Hsiang-cheng as well as their country, say to this!

## A REPLY TO MINISTER SUGGESTIONS.

"It has been a regular practice of Yuan to accuse others of struggling for power and authority whenever he wants to attack those differing from him. He can't but measure others according to his own standard. The more he speaks in this strain, the more his own offensive image will be revealed to the general public.  
 "Others will leave alone. Chun-huan is both old and feeble in health. From his sickbed he has risen with a great effort so that he might fight for the cause of republicanism. His idea is to seek death rather than glory. If Hsiang-cheng will retire in the morning, Chun-huan will disappear from the public in the evening. May heaven, sun and the gods take his life if he harbour any ambition to seize power with the intention of retaining the same. As to Chih-shao he is a mere scholar and not a politician. It has been against his real wish that he has put aside his author's pen and joined the army, but he has already made preparations to resume his quiet life when the time comes. This is a fact which needs no elucidation.

"Now since Huang Pi (Li Yuan-hung) has already succeeded to the presidential office in accordance with law, other matters will be solved without much difficulty. There are many who are capable of putting things again in order and of reorganising the government. It is therefore his intention to enjoy the peace of a plain citizen when peace is actually restored. But the danger of the present position is extremely real. Strife will disappear if Hsiang-cheng will retire. In the interests of the country as well as Hsiang-cheng himself, there is no other safe course for him to take. We therefore take the liberty of pouring out our true heart. We respectfully await your advice."

## SPORTING.

## HOLIDAY GOLF.

A bogey competition was played at Fanling yesterday for a cup presented by Mr. J. W. Bolles. There was a large number of entries but only two cards were returned. The winner was Mr. Grist, one up, and Mr. Stewart was second, one down.

At Kowloon there was a golf gymkhana for members of the K.C.C. golf section including a one club competition, a tombstone competition and foursomes. The play was exceedingly pleasant despite the extreme heat, and many thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Mead for making the arrangements.  
 Mr. McLennan won the one club competition using his mid-iron and completing the distance in 37 or one under bogey—a most remarkable performance. Mr. P. R. Wolfe won the "tombstone" and Mr. A. E. Silkestone secured the hidden peg prize, the peg being in the hole of the eighth green. The entrance fees will be handed over to the War Charities fund.

## GYMKHANA TRAINING TIMES.

Most of the ponies in training for Saturday's Gymkhana were given their winding up gallops this morning. Those that showed up best were Matabele, Matchbox, King Jack and Fijian Chief. The following are the times recorded:  
 Bmwwood, boy, 4 mile, 34.0, 1.06.4, 1.40;  
 last 33.1.  
 Chissey, Knoll, 4 mile, 35, 1.10.1, 1.42.5;  
 last 32.2.  
 Anstov, boy, 4 mile, 36, 1.09.1, 1.42;  
 last 32.4.  
 Nizamale, Boyd, and Makoni, boy, 4 mile, 35, 1.07, 1.39, last 32.  
 Elveyer, Sedwick, 4 mile, 33, 1.06.2;  
 last 32.2.  
 Denkel, Seth, and Ploougher, boy, 4 mile, 33.2, 1.06.3, 1.40.4;  
 last 34.1.  
 Matchbox, Boyd, 4 mile, 39.2, 1.14.2, 1.47.2; last 33.  
 King Jack, boy, 4 mile, 32.4, 1.06, 1.38.5; last 32.3.  
 Fijian Chief, Sedwick, 4 mile, 37.2, 1.11.2, 1.43; last 31.8.  
 Mator, Boyd, 4 mile, 37, 1.12, 1.46.2; last 34.2.  
 Denham Chief, Sedwick, 4 mile, 39.2, 1.16, 1.49.2; last 33.2.  
 Chival Coaster, boy, 4 mile, 42, 1.18, 1.53; last 35.

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# THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE BATTLE OF VERDUN.

#### THE FIGHT FOR FORT DOUAMONT.

FRENCH CONFIDENT OF SECURING THE ENTIRE POSITION.

PARIS, May 24.

The French lines south of Douaumont from which the main attack was made are only 350 yards distant from the fort, but the defence was so formidable that it was an hour before the first triumphant Frenchmen arrived at the fort. This really was remarkable rapidity. There were two lines of trenches before the fort lavishly fortified. The first was reached in a quarter of an hour and the occupants bayoneted or captured.

Waves of assailants rushed the second line where resistance was of a more serious character.

Twice the French were driven back. Then reinforcements were released and turned the trench with irresistible dash. They reached the fort, where they were joined by columns from the west. The garrison resisted in every corner and cellar, but were driven out by bayonet and hand to the north-eastern corner. The fiercest fighting continued all night.

The French are confident that they will secure the whole position, while the conviction is growing in Paris that the moment for the decision of the whole Verdun battle is imminent.

### THE WAR ON MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, May 24.

The following ships have been sunk in the Mediterranean:

Admiral Oberon (Greek), Tjome (Norwegian) and the sailing ships Fabricotti (Italian) and Mysosia (French).

The crews of the two steamers were saved.

### THE COMPULSION BILL.

LONDON, May 24.

The Compulsion Bill allowed a man leaving work of national importance two months in which to look for another job without becoming a soldier.

An amendment in the House of Lords reduces this period to a fortnight.

This will be considered by the House of Commons to-day; hence it is unlikely that the Bill will become law before to-morrow.

### THE IRISH PROBLEM.

#### SPECULATIONS ON ITS SOLUTION.

LONDON, May 24.

The Times says it is understood that Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Bonar Law have individually conferred with the leaders of the Nationalist and Unionist Parties and that the atmosphere last night was more favourable to a settlement than at any time since the revolt.

The Daily Express says that Mr. Asquith to-morrow will announce the abolition of the Irish Viceroyalty. Lord Wimborne will be offered another post under the Government.

The Daily News says the Ministerial idea of the future settlement of the Irish Question is that if the Irish leaders agree to the establishment of separate parliaments for Ulster and the rest of Ireland after the war, this will facilitate the establishment at the present time of a Coalition Executive in Ireland.

### A SHIPPING AMALGAMATION.

LONDON, May 24.

The Cunard Steamship Co. has arranged to absorb the Commonwealth and Dominion Lines.

[The Commonwealth and Dominion Lines have a fleet of 24 steamers aggregating 161,000 tons.]

### THE CELEBRATION OF EMPIRE DAY.

#### IMPOSING DEMONSTRATIONS AT HOME.

LONDON, May 24.

The special significance of Empire Day was this year emphasised not merely by the Government's recognition of the day but by imposing demonstrations throughout the kingdom.

A message from Mr. Rudyard Kipling says:

"Knowing as nations what we are fighting for and realising as men and women the resolve that has been added to us by what each has endured, we go forward now under the proud banner of our griefs and losses to a greater effort of endurance and, if necessary, of heroic sacrifice, equal sponsors for the deliverance of mankind."

### INDIA'S FUTURE PLACE IN THE EMPIRE.

The Times has published an Empire Day Edition containing a lengthy article on India's future place in the Empire, and another on the Indian States.

The former article outlines the difficulties in the way of settlement, especially the question of the India Office control, but emphasises that these difficulties must be overcome. The task will require much time and infinite patience, but it can be done and, unless British statesmanship becomes bankrupt in genius, it will be done.

The article on the Indian States emphasises the impossibility of disregarding these States in the constitutional and political development after the war, and the necessity for establishing some organised connection between the Raj and the ruling Princes to enable the latter to have a voice in the settlement of questions in which they and their subjects are vitally interested. It says the time has come to work out a scheme for a Council of the Princes to deal with such matters on a definite constitutional footing with the necessary safeguards. It also calls attention to the necessity for upholding the rights and status of the Princes in questions of precedence, etc.

### MR. ROOSEVELT'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, May 24.

Mr. Roosevelt has accepted the offer of a Committee of Republicans of thirty States to work on behalf of his candidature for the Presidency.

### HOIHOW NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The typhoon which visited Annam gave us plenty of rain and the heat and moisture that has come since is very oppressive.

### HAINAN QUIET.

At the time when the Province declared its independence, there were attempts to drive out the officials of three of the Districts in the East of Hainan. The Magistrates left for a time, but in each case the authority of the former official has been restored. The revolt is believed to have been the work of the Kok-meng Society. They were strongly in favor of local self-government at the time of the former revolution.

### RAINING BROKEN.

The rains have come late, but they will bring on late planted rice, so that the famine which has threatened Hainan for months will not be extended.

Nearly 27,000 has been collected to endow a Chair in Russian at the University of Birmingham. Between £10,000 and £12,000 is required.

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### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE GREAT STRUGGLE AT VERDUN.

##### ENEMY'S MOST DESPERATE EFFORTS FAIL.

PARIS, May 24.

The 94th day of the Battle of Verdun produced more violent fighting than ever. To-day's *communiqué* says that through the night the struggle continued with intense fierceness on both banks of the Meuse. The furious counter-attacks of the Germans against all our positions on Hill 304 completely failed. The enemy used numerous flame projectors, notably westward of Hill 304, which enabled him to penetrate one trench, but a brilliant counter-attack immediately drove him out.

The German efforts east of the Meuse, despite intense artillery preparation, were broken by our fire, and none of the attackers even reached our lines.

Stubborn fighting proceeded in the Thiaumont-Douaumont sector. The enemy in the night time increased his massed attacks and suffered enormous losses. He only succeeded in re-occupying one trench, northward of Thiaumont Farm.

We continued, despite vigorous resistance, to drive out the Germans from Fort de Douaumont, where the enemy now only holds the north-east corner.

PARIS, May 24.

Last night's *communiqué* says:—German counter-attacks in the Verdun region developed with extreme violence after a bombardment by heavy guns lasting the whole morning.

The Germans on the left of the Meuse several times launched assaulting masses at our positions east and west of Mort Homme. The first attack was swept by artillery and machine-gun fire, and was repulsed with sanguinary losses without the enemy being able to approach our lines. A second attack, which was equal in desperate, at seven o'clock in the evening, gained a footing in a western trench, but an immediate counter-attack completely drove back the enemy.

A murderous struggle raged all day in the Haumont-Douaumont region, on the right of the Meuse. The Germans multiplied their assaults, each of which was preceded by the most formidable artillery preparation. Despite all these efforts, we maintained all the positions we conquered yesterday, particularly at Fort de Douaumont. We took over 300 prisoners.

Two German aeroplanes were killed in flight in the air near Fumay and Beaumont respectively. A French pilot was attacked in the large district by three enemy machines. He felled one and put the others to flight.

### THE BRITISH FRONT.

#### FOURTEEN AIR BATTLES.

LONDON, May 24.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in a *communiqué*, says:—There were heavy reciprocal bombardments last night and to-day, about Vimy Ridge, where the situation is unchanged.

Hostile artillery was very active to-day between Hooge and the Ypres-Boulers railway.

There was some artillery and mining activity elsewhere.

Hostile aircraft were very active on portions of our front yesterday, and 14 enemy aeroplanes were engaged, one of which was driven down in a damaged condition in the enemy lines.

### COLONEL CHURCHILL ON BRITISH NEEDS NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, May 24.

In the House of Commons, Colonel Winston Churchill urged the strengthening of the British fighting line by the use of every able-bodied man. He pointed out that we had large reserves of troops among the black races in Africa, for which Egypt would be a suitable training ground. Another reservoir was Asia. What part was India going to play in 1917 if the war continued? The fate of India was at stake even more than our own. The part played by the Indians in France was glorious, and why should we not start now and have a dozen new Indian Divisions ready to throw in in 1917 where they would be most effective. To allow India to be represented in the struggle only by the Tigris Corps would be wrong to India and to Europe.

### THE ITALIAN FRONT.

#### ORDERLY RETIREMENT IN ONE SECTOR, IMPORTANT GAIN IN ANOTHER.

ROME, May 24.

A *communiqué* says:—The enemy is reported to be gathering between Garda and Adige.

The Italians, after repulsing enemy attacks between Asiago, Bronte, and Val Sugana, gradually fell back to their main lines in perfect order.

The Italians carried an important position in the Upper Cordevole, taking 50 prisoners, and much ammunition. There was more intense artillery activity at Gorizia and Montebelluna.

### RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON MOSUL.

PERSIANS, May 24.

In the occupation of Sendzhit, on the Persian frontier, 47 miles south of Lake Urmia, a *communiqué* reports another advance toward Mosul from a fresh direction.

A Russian regiment drove the Germans across the Voskhod, a tributary of the Tigris.

### ANOTHER BRITISH WAR CREDIT.

#### DAILY EXPENDITURE APPROACHES FIVE MILLIONS.

LONDON, May 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith moved a Vote of Credit for £300,000,000, making the total war credits £2,382,000,000. He said that recent expenditure for 30 days averaged £4,820,000 daily. There had been a slight diminution in the expenditure on the fighting forces and the increase incurred had been mainly on loans to the Allies and the Dominions, which amounted to £75,000,000 from the 1st April to the 20th May.

One of our great contributions to the Allies was our financial assistance, which was gladly given in the common cause. The House would not grudge the addition to our expenditure in order that the whole composite financial, naval, and military fabric, upon whose co-operative work the success of the Allied efforts depended, should be kept in a state of efficiency. (Cheers.) The present credit would carry us to the beginning of August, but he could not hold out hope of a sensible reduction in expenditure.

The Vote of Credit was unanimously passed.

### THE COMPULSION BILL.

#### LORD KITCHENER ON ITS ADVANTAGES.

LONDON, May 23.

In the House of Lords when the Compulsion Bill was under discussion Lord Kitchener said that the Bill would enable them to regulate the flow of recruits and prevent fluctuations, so that the General Staff would be able to rely with greater certainty on the necessary drafts. The rank and file would be encouraged by the thought that all our countrymen would be prepared to support such a measure to the uttermost. It would also enable them to use men unfit for general service, but suitable for Home service, for clerical work, and would maintain the Army's numbers in a manner, hitherto impossible, so that we might take our full share in the great conflict.

The third reading of the Bill was passed without a division.

### PAYMENT OF TROOPS IN EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, May 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, answering a series of questions regarding the payment of British troops in East Africa with Indian rupees, stated that the question of future currency arrangements in East Africa would be carefully considered after the war. He did not consider the establishment of a local mint justified.

### AFRICAN REBELS DEFEATED BY ITALIANS.

ROME, May 23.

Owing to the increasing menace of the rebels against Zuara, the inhabitants of which are loyal, an expedition was sent thither from Tripoli, and defeated the rebels, who abandoned booty and prisoners.

### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BILL.

#### PASSES SECOND READING.

LONDON, May 24.

Lord Salisbury, moving the second reading of the Government of India Bill in the House of Lords, called attention especially to the clause enabling the appointment to civil posts and military commissions of rulers and subjects of native States and of adjacent territories, like Nepal. These persons now, and had previously, served in the Army and had done loyal and gallant service for the Empire. He was confident that the proposal would give satisfaction to the rulers of those States, many of whom were employed British subjects in their territories. These States, though enjoying a large measure of autonomy, were always proud to consider themselves component parts of the Empire and had presented their forces with some of the finest and most reliable men in our fighting material. The provisions enabling selected subjects of these States to compete for the Indian Civil Service, and their rulers and subjects to be nominated for seats on Legislative Councils, were significant of Indian development. He felt sure that they were in full accord with modern Indian sentiment.

The Bill made a definite advance in the political development of India, and he believed it would be accepted in that sense by the Indian community.

Lord Sydenham warmly welcomed the opening of the Public Services to Indians not born in British India. The other amendments affecting the relations of the Raj to the native States, and the powers of the Council and the Secretary of State might seem to be "small administrative adjustments, but they might in certain circumstances prove of vital importance. The administrative results would require careful scrutiny."

Lord Macdonnell thought it reasonable that the Joint Committee should be assisted by members of the House of Lords familiar with India, who realised the exact bearings of the amendments, and suggested the addition of Lord Sydenham, Lord Macdonnell, and Lord Blandford.

Lord Loreburn supported the suggestion. The Bill was read a second time, and was referred to the Joint Committee.

### LATEST EDITION.

#### STOP PRESS NEWS.

### THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

#### FIRMLY HELD IN CHECK BY THE FRENCH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, May 24.

A *communiqué* states:—Artillery preparations and infantry attacks succeeded one another with unabated violence in the region of Haumont-Douaumont.

Despite furious assaults, regardless of human life the Germans only succeeded in gaining a footing in some elements eastward of the fort. All attempts against our positions westward and against the fort itself were frustrated.

A bombardment is proceeding in Woivreux.

The enemy attempted to advance under cover of poison-gas in Champagne, but were thrown back by our batteries.

### BRITISH NEED OF GUNS AND MEN.

Col. E. P. Regington, Military Expert of the "Times," on April 13th wrote:—

There is no other way to win the war but to place in the field at a decisive point and in the principal theatre all the men we can raise and provide them with ample munitions. Since the General Staff was restored to the exercise of its legitimate functions in October last much has been done, but we still do not yet possess in the principal theatre, all the troops who should be there.

It has taken Mr. Lloyd George a year to provide the army with guns, shells and rifles in the maximum of which we were so terribly deficient a year ago. We have now many hundreds of heavy guns in the field and millions of shells; but there must be no abatement in our effort. The proportion of guns with the French and German armies is still greater than with ours. Their output of munitions per week is still much higher.

We are only now beginning to exploit our great resources. When our munitions suffice us we must redouble our efforts to help Russia and must anticipate that, until the end of the war, we must for naval and military purposes together keep 3,000,000 hands at work upon munitions of whom 1,000,000 must be men.

Above all we need men for our armies. Early last year the writer warned the public that a crisis in munitions would be followed by a crisis of men unless the Government took drastic measures to make up the deficit in existing establishments, provide men for the drafts and create thirty new divisions to throw into the field in the Summer of 1916.

None of these measures has been taken. Though the response of the country has been grand to every demand made upon it, the truth about recruiting has been persistently concealed. The course we have taken has been the best suited to prolong the war indefinitely, not to end it. All this talk of holding the balance between trade and victory; all these dreams of economic pressure upon the enemy, and all these fairy tales of what we shall do to impoverish Germany after the war are sheer moonshine.

The frontiers of Europe exist no longer, and will only re-appear at the end of the war traced in blood by the sword of the victor. We must be that victor, and the only way to become so is to defeat the main armies of the enemy in the principal theatre by bringing against him armies superior to his own.

### THE LOTUS FLOWER.

The lotus flower, which was adopted by fashion designers in the year the Queen went to India, is again seen in the fashionable dress-salons. As a millinery trimming the flower is in request, some of the most distinctive hats of the day bearing a single lotus flower. Its petals fashioned of semi-transparent white crepe. A black crepe de chine hat trimmed with a couple of these diaphanous white lotus blossoms is one of the smartest things in millinery to be seen at the moment, when, as always before Easter, the black and white vogue in hats has a number of followers. Another pretty floral fancy of the season is the "Flanders" Christmas rose.

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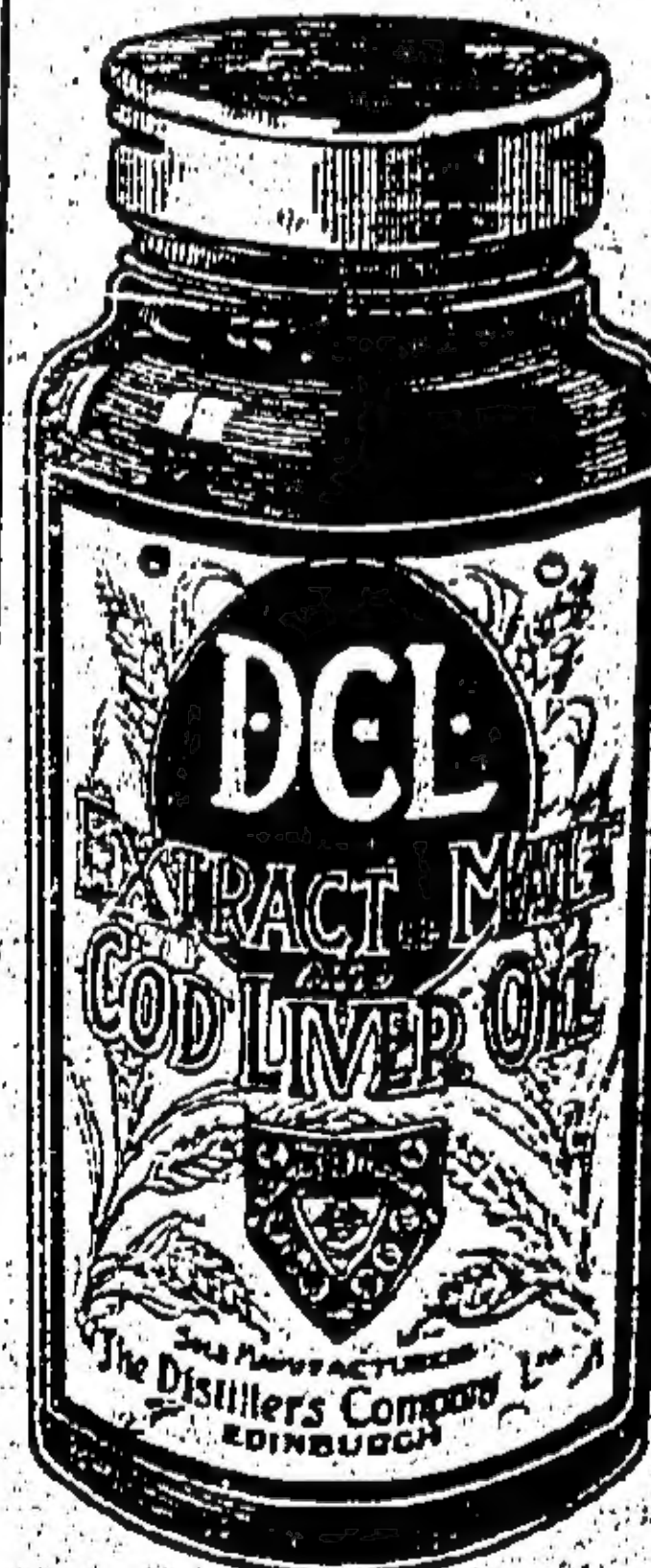
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TIENTSIN	.....	May 27, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	.....	May 28, Daylight.

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HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	.....	FRIDAY, May 26, at 8 a.m.
MANILA	.....	YUENSANG, SATURDAY, May 27, at 3 p.m.
WEIHOW & TIENTSIN	.....	SHIPING, SUNDAY, May 28, Daylight.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	.....	TAIYANG, TUESDAY, May 30, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	.....	CHONGSANG, FRIDAY, June 2, Daylight.
SANDAKAN	.....	MAUSANG, FRIDAY, June 2, at Noon.
MANILA	.....	LOONGSANG, SATURDAY, June 3, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	.....	LAISANG, WEDDAY, June 7, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	.....	KENSANG, SATURDAY, June 10, at 3 p.m.

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Steamer	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
SHINYO MARU	22,000-21 knots	Wed. 31st May at Noon.
DAIREN MARU	8,000-12 knots	Sat. 3rd June at Noon.
JINYO MARU	8,000-12 knots	Mon. 26th June at Noon.
PERSIA MARU	8,000-12 knots	Tues. 4th July at 10.30 a.m.
EWANTO MARU	8,000-12 knots	Sat. 8th July at Noon.
KIYO MARU	17,200-14 knots	Tues. 11th July at Noon.
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LONDON via SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, DUBAI, CAPE TOWN AND TENERIFE	KAMO MARU, Capt. Shimizu	Tons 12,000	THURSDAY, 8th June, at Noon.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU & YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA MARU, Capt. Shinobe	Tons 12,300	WEDNESDAY, 7th June at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE	SAITO MARU, Capt. Anikawa	Tons 12,600	TUESDAY, 27th May, at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE	TANGO MARU, Capt. Takano	Tons 12,600	TUESDAY, 12th June at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Takeda	Tons 9,200	FRIDAY, 14th July at 4 p.m.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	TENSHIN MARU, Capt. Kawai	Tons 8,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st May.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, DUBAI, CAPE TOWN AND TENERIFE	YETOHOFU MARU, Capt. Ogura	Tons 6,000	FRIDAY, 9th June.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Takeda	Tons 9,200	MONDAY, 12th June at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KASHIMA MARU, Capt. Tabusa	Tons 19,000	THURSDAY, 1st June at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. Kobayashi	Tons 8,000	THURSDAY, 15th June.
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